

## Abstract

A method of managing telephone calls to members of a user group. A call initiation request is received. The request is directed to a telephone number that is associated with a user group. The members of the user group are notified that a call initiation request has been directed to the user group. A signal is received from a first member of the user group indicating acceptance of the call initiation request, and a call is connected between the first initiating party and the member. The other members of the user group are notified that the first member has accepted the call initiation request.

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